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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 26, 2006, reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, amended as follows, is respectfully requested. (This reply is being filed on September 26, 2006, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.